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SUBJECT: BOMB IN PROXIMITY CONGEN

REF: BELFAST 411

1. TWO MEN AND WOMEN CLIMBED OVER ROOF-TOPS INSIDE
DOWNTOWN BELFAST SECURITY ZONE EVENING NOVEMBER 25
IN ATTEMPT TO BOMB ROYAL ULSTER CONSTABULARY STATION
ACROSS QUEEN STREET FROM CONGEN. BOMB DETONATED AT
1900 LOCAL ON ROOF ADJACENT BOOKSTORE CAUSING SLIGHT
STRUCTURAL DAMAGE TO POLICE STATION AND BREAKING MANY
WINDOWS ALONG QUEEOZY #
IY#
AND IN CONGEN OFFICE BUILDING.
CONGEN PREMISES NOT RPT NOT DAMAGED AND THERE NO INJURIES
AS AREA HAD BEEN EVACUATED.

2. PRISON OFFICER WAS TARGET ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT AT HIS
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HOME IN ARDOYNE NIGHT NOVEMBER 25 BUT ATTACKERS FAILED

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HIT HIM WITH SEVERAL SHOTS.

3. DISTURBANCES CONTINUED TURF LODGE ESTATE AREA AS RESIDENTS RESISTED PRESENCE ARMY PATROLS. ONE SOLDIER SHOT AND KILLED BY SNIPER NOVEMBER 24. BOTH PROVISIONAL IRA AND IRISH NATIONAL LIBERATION ARMY (INLA) CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY. LATTER IS SMALL GROUP THAT BROKE AWAY FROM THE OFFICIAL IRA OUT OF DISSATISFACTION WITH THE OFFICIALS CONTINUED CEASE-FIRE. THERE ARE RUMORS IN BELFAST THAT THE INLA IS ASSOCIATED WITH THE IRISH REPUBLICAN SOCIALIST PARTY.

4. THERE HAVE BEEN SIX TERRORIST KILLINGS IN LONDONDERRY AREA SINCE OCTOBER 1 BEGINNING WITH ASSASSINATION UDR MEN, FOLLOWED BY RETALIATION BY ULSTER FREEDOM FIGHTERS ON CATHOLIC CIVILIANS. LATEST DEATH WAS PROMINENT BUSINESSMAN AND UNIONIST SUPPORTER IN AREA. SPECULATION IS THAT "GENTLEMAN' S AGREEMENT" ABOUT SECTARIAN ATTACKS WHICH PREVAILED IN AREA FOR MANY MONTHS WAS BROKEN BY PROVISIONAL IRA. SPREAD OF "BELFAST-TYPE" ACTIVITY HAS AROUSED UNIVERSAL CONDEMNATION BY CHURCH AND CIVIC LEADERS. DEPUTY VANGUARD LEADER GLENN BARR HAS SUGGESTED REASON PARAMILITARIES DO NOT ATTACK EACH OTHER IS COWARDICE.

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